

LOCAL AND OTHER GOOD STORIES.

Thinking about the way
and one man said:

**His Hosts
Solved the
Problem
For Him.**

When he came north but
all the family tra-
ving. Many years after
the family went back
one day on the street
stopped and gazed at
him. "Boss ain't you?"
he asked. "Yes, I am,"
he answered. "I have
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refused to dine until he had eaten one
of the best dinners he ever sat down
to. He almost felt ashamed afterwards
to think that he had even for a mo-
ment questioned what course he
should pursue. Their genuine hospi-
tality and delight at having him for
their guest had won him when they
did not entertain any such thoughts.
Of course the people of the north who
never lived in the south cannot ap-
preciate the situation as a southern
born man does but I know how he felt
for the traditions and teachings of
many generations were not to be put
aside in a moment.

There was an odd case in the police
files one night last week. A
mulatto came here

**Champaign Mu-
latto Makes
Peculiar
Distinction.**

from Champaign
and complained to
the police that a
diamond ring

which he valued
at \$75 had been stolen by a white man
who was at that time in this city but
whose home was in Champaign. The
accused was arrested and taken to
police headquarters. There he admitted
that he had borrowed the ring and
that he had "hooked" it in a shop in
Champaign. A telephone message to
the authorities proved that statement
to be true. The shade then declined to
make complaint. He said that if the
ring had been "hooked" in Decatur he
would have taken out a warrant
charging the white man with larceny.

The question was naturally raised,
"Why did he decline to take out a
warrant when he found that the ring
was still in Champaign?" One man
suggested that perhaps it would be
easy to come to Decatur and make
some claim which would not hold
good where the claimant was better
known.

Two old cronies, members of the De-
caturn club, met there on Sunday morn-
ing recently and
amused themselves
after their own
fashion. The wife
of one was absent
from the club but
he did not mention the fact. The
amusement to which they devoted their
attention was of a very engrossing

character and the hours slipped by
unnoticed. Finally it was discovered
that it was three o'clock and the pair
regretfully arose and left. The one
whose wife was absent from the city
went to a restaurant and refreshed
himself while the other wended his
way home, where he spent the rest of
the afternoon trying to satisfactorily
explain his absence which had delayed
the family dinner and upset the house-
hold machinery. That evening the pair
met again and the one whose wife was
absent was accosted with: "Blas't your
soul why didn't you tell me your wife
was away. Do you suppose that I would
have stayed down town until three
o'clock in the afternoon if I had not
figured out that I could stand the rack-
et at home if you could."

During a visit to the south with an
expedition some years ago, an
eminent American
He Knew About professor met an
It Before the old negro servant,
Chickens whose duty it
Were Hatched. was to look after
the chickens of the
establishment where he was staying.

The day before the eclipse took place
the professor, in an idle moment, called
the old man to him and said: "Sam,
if tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock you
watch your chickens, you will find they
will go to roost." Sam was skeptical,
of course, but when at the appointed
time next day the sun in the heavens
darkened, and the chickens retired to
roost, the negro's astonishment knew
no bounds. He approached the profes-
sor in awed wonder. "Massa," he
asked, "how long ago did you know that
dem chickens would go to roost?" "Oh,
a long time," said the professor airily.
"Did you know a year ago, massa?"
"Yes," "Then dat beats de obill!" ex-
claimed the astonished old man; "dem
chickens weren't hatched a year ago."

A story is told of the late Prof. Snell
of Amherst college, which relates how
he once asked for a
definition of the
solar corona from
a member of his
class in astronomy.
The young man,
after a good deal of hesitation, and a
dread consciousness of impending fail-

ure, plunged desperately into the state-
ment that he did know what the corona
was but had forgotten. The professor
turned to his class with a tragic ges-
ture: "What an incredible loss to
science!" he exclaimed, with emotion;
"that the only man who ever knew
what the sun's corona is has forgotten."

Three women were having an expe-
rience meeting. The first told how her
maid had locked
Tricks of "Treas- her in the bath-
ures" Described room and fled from
By Three the house. The sec-
Women. ond told of a
green cock who
had boiled the watermelon. The third

said:
"Well, my latest treasure has just
landed, and did not know how to wash
windows, so I proceeded to explain
matters to her. I showed her how to
wash the outside by sitting on the
sill and letting her feet hang into the
room. Imagine my amusement when I
went back a few minutes later and
found her washing the glass on the in-
side and sitting with her feet hang-
ing out into the street."

Now that the election is over some
of the fellows can tell odd experiences
they enjoyed dur-
ing the campaign.
Experiences of
Some Workers
On
Election Day.

There is a certain young man who
has the happy faculty of snatching
victory from de-
feat, and getting
Quick Wit Ex- away with a slice of
tricated Him the glory. He show-
From Unpleas- ed how this was
ant Position. done the other
day during the rain. He got on a street
car that was well filled and in trying
to make his way inside he tripped over
the feet of a good looking young lady.
As he turned to offer an apology he
was greeted with a pair of blazing
and indignant eyes. He was nothing
daunted. "I beg your pardon," said he,
"but it is your own fault, you know.
Your feet are so small that I really
could not see them." The indignant

face melted away in smiles. Next to
bein told that she has a good com-
plexion a young woman would rather
be told that she has small feet even
though she is wearing a number 8
and knows that it is a lie.

"You are a very naughty little boy
and I shall tell your father so and he
will punish you
severely," said a
fond mother to
her offspring the
other day. "Are
you really going
to tell him?" asked
Bobby earnestly.
"Oh yes," answered mamma, "I shall
tell him the first thing after dinner."
"Well if you are I think you might
give him a better dinner than usual.
You might do that much for me any-
way."

A Decatur housekeeper employed a
girl to assist her in housework. One
day the mistress
Hoped For
Soothing In-
fluence of
Good Dinner.

The New Girl
Followed In-
structions to
Letter.

how to stone them. She picked up a
plum and took out the stone; then
thinking the girl knew how to do
them, she put the plum in her mouth
and left the kitchen. The servant came
into the drawing room half an hour
later and said: "Please, mum, I've
finished." The hostess departed for the
kitchen and beheld a plate full of
stones only. "Where are the plums,
Jane?" "I've eaten 'em, mum, as you
showed me!" was the maid's reply.

A well known minister on the North
Side tells the following story, which he
vouches for as
truth. In one of
The Good Old
Deacon Started
The Prayer
Meeting.

He was a devoted church member and
active worker, but he was not averse
to a good game of cards now and then.
He had another habit, which generally
is deemed only of the funny man's mak-
ing, and that was sleeping in church.
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Why does Hinner always come out
of the house with such an ugly expres-
sion?"
"I suppose he's looking for trouble."
"Why does he go away from home
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